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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 0254

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, ENRG, SA, US

SUBJET: TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT APPROVED

REF: JIDDA 0159

BEGIN SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS BEEN TOLD BY MINISTER STATE  
ABA AL KHAYL THAT TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FULLY  
APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE. DISCUSSION ON MINOR POINTS SCHEDULED  
FOR MEETING IN RIYADH JAN 19. EMBASSY REQUESTS COMMENTS  
AND/OR INSTRUCTIONS ON IMMUNITIES PROBLEM WHICH MAY BE  
RAISED. END SUMMARY

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1. MINISTER STATE FINANCE MOHAMMAD ABA AL KHAYL INFORMED

ECONOMIC COUNSELOR ENENING JAN 12 THAT FINAL APPROVAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT HAD BEEN GIVEN BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. HE SAID THAT THEY WISHED TO NEGOTIATE WITH EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE ON A FEW MINOR POINTS, AND IT WAS AGREED TO MEET IN RIYADH JAN 19.

2. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE BROADEST POSSIBLE NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY. WE CANNOT ANTICIPATE ALL OF THE SAUDI CHANGES DESIRED, AND ABA AL KHAYL DID NOT HAVE TIME TO GO INTO DETAILS. WE ARE RELATIVELY CERTAIN THE SUBJECT OF IMMUNITIES FOR BOTH THE AMERICAN STAFF OF THE COMMISSION AND THE NUMEROUS EXPOERTS TO BE ASSIGNED UNDER THE TRUST FUND WILL BE RAISED BY THE SAUDI SIDE. WHILE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS REAL BREAKTHROUGH AND APPROVAL OF A FORMAL AGREEMENT IS OBVIOUS, AND WE ARE MOST GRATIFIED THAT OUR PAST 8 MONTHS COMBINED EFFORTS HAVE BEEN REWARDED, EMBASSY AGAIN CAUTIONS AGAINST PREMATURE PUBLICITY OF ANY KIND. EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON ITS ECONOMIC CONTENT AND THE ALMOST APOLITICAL ROLE OF THE JOINT COMMISSION.

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